## Sales and Use Tax (Food Service License)

Does a business applying for a food service license need to obtain a state sales tax license?

Yes. Restaurants, food establishments and food vendors **must** obtain a retail sales tax license through the Colorado Department of Revenue by filing Form CR 0100 "Colorado Business Registration." A restaurant or food service business owner must contact the county health department where the business is located for registration requirements for the actual food service license and applicable fees.

Food for immediate consumption is sales taxable, therefore, state sales tax must be collected and remitted to the state. This would also include grocery stores who sell prepared food items as well as other tangible personal property that are taxable.

The state sales tax license cost \$16 for two years plus a one-time only \$50 deposit fee which is automatically refunded after the business has collected and remitted \$50 or more in state sales tax to the Department of Revenue.

If a business opens an additional location, it must be added to the existing account. The fee for each additional location is \$16, however, the \$50 deposit is not charged on additional locations. However, if requesting a new account number be established for a new location, the license fee plus the \$50 deposit must be remitted with the application

See also Eating and Drinking Establishments